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For: **SEAL STRUCTURE FOR SEALING THE
INLET/EXIT PASSAGEWAY OF AN
ELONGATED OBJECT**

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International Search Report No. PCT/FI03/00556, dated Oct. 8, 2003, 3 pages.
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